

**MR. ROWELL HAS HIS SAY.**

He Answers the King Street Bridge Petitioners.

Suggests Postponement for Two Years. How to Handle Traffic—Makes a Chicago Comparison.

The petition of taxpayers for improvement of the King Street bridge was referred by the Minister of the Interior to Mr. Rowell, Superintendent of Public Works. The latter sends this answer to Minister King:

"While in general it must be admitted that the bridge is not as wide as the street, yet the obstruction to travel is far less than represented in the petition.

"Although there is no sidewalk on the makai side, traffic is very seldom so congested that foot passengers cannot with reasonable safety cross over to the sidewalk on the mauka side.

"The petition avers that there is not room when the car is on the bridge for teams to pass each other in opposite directions on the makai side.

"I am surprised that there should be any attempt to pass in opposite directions on the same side of the bridge. The travel in one direction should be confined to one side of the bridge and the travel in the other direction to the other side.

"The bridge is old and should be replaced by a permanent steel bridge within two years, and it seems to me in the nature of an extravagance to go to the expense of widening the bridge now, when the whole thing must be replaced in a short time.

"In comparison I would cite the case of a bridge in Chicago over which there is probably twenty times the traffic of King street, where all teams and horse cars have to cross in a single line in each direction.

"The approaches to the bridge sidewalk on the mauka side have already been put in good order, and the public can easily afford to get along with the present inconveniences until the Government is able to put in a creditable bridge."

The reformers, headed by Dr. Emerson, intend to "keep everlasting it" in this matter.

**ONE ON JUDGE FOSTER.**

A Man Whom He Once Convicted Was His Client.

Judge Foster was defending a Chinaman in the District Court yesterday for selling che fa tickets. During the progress of the trial, David Kaapa, a policeman, was put on the stand, and told his part of the story. It was directly against the Chinaman, and on the cross-examination Judge Foster tried to tangle him up. At last, Kaapa said he didn't know anything much about the character of the Chinaman, except that he had "been convicted for the same offence by Judge Foster, when he was on the bench."

A very audible smile went round the Court room, and the Judge lost the case, his client being fined \$150.

**Music and Mirth.**

The lovers of light, catchy comedy, pleasing musical selections and dancing will find a fund of amusement in "Capric" to-night at the Opera House. Among the musical numbers will be a topical melody on local matters—"After Nine," "In Old Madrid," "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," "Gobbler," duet from "Mascot," song and dance, "Twinkle Little Star," and a Gaiety skirt dancer. This addition to the regular programme should make a pleasing evening's diversion.

**Paid for Experience.**

A Monowai steerage passenger, without \$50, will return to San Francisco by the Dimond as a sailor. The man said at the Police Station that he had \$150 when he stepped aboard the liner at the chilly city. He recited that all of this sum, excepting \$5, was lost gambling on the Monowai. The man was certain he had mastered the mysteries of draw poker and was very desirous of trying his skill in Honolulu.

**Healani Boat Club.**

The Healani Boat Club held a short meeting last evening at the Chamber of Commerce. The articles of incorporation were unanimously accepted by those present. A charter will be procured from the Government as soon as possible, and work commenced on the new boathouse in the near future.

**HARDEN IN A NEW ROLE.**

He Fights a Native Named Kaimi in San Francisco.

The Battle is Caused by the Beau Xeux of a Spanish Girl, and the Valiant Leo Wins.

Francis L. G. Harden, who was recently deported from Honolulu by the Provisional Government for agitating a revolution, had a fistic contest last night, says the Examiner of the 11th.

His opponent was a full-blooded Hawaiian, John Kaimi. The grievance was that both sought the affections of the same girl, Senorita Carlotta Rosa Cahassa of San Antonio, Mexico.

The girl is about eighteen years of age and her parents own a large cattle ranch near San Antonio. She has been in San Francisco about four months on a pleasure trip and it was here that she met Kaimi, a gallant son of the sunny islands. He made love to her in true Hawaiian fashion and his affections were in part reciprocated and he believed he would be able to marry the senorita and take her to the islands with him until Harden appeared on the scene. Harden was introduced to Miss Carlotta at the Park two weeks ago, and it seemed to be a case of love at first sight. This greatly displeased Kaimi, who made known his anger and offered fight. Harden, accustomed to many encounters on battlefields and elsewhere, advised the young Hawaiian to accept the inevitable, or if he would not do so, to arrange a battle under Marquis of Queensbury rules. This was done after much difficulty, for Kaimi insisted on fighting island fashion, a combination of fighting, gouging and kicking.

The encounter took place at one o'clock this morning at a saloon on Mission street. Harden weighed 135 and Kaimi 145 pounds. Seconds were present and the police did not learn of the affair.

In the first round Harden opened vigorously with his left and landed heavily on Kaimi's nose, drawing blood. Kaimi attempted to butt and got into chancery, where he was engaged until the end of the round.

In the second round Kaimi landed two heavy body blows, Harden retaliating with a hard one on the jaw.

The fourth and fifth rounds Harden followed Kaimi around the ring, landing wherever he pleased without difficulty. Kaimi was virtually beaten. In the last round the Kanaka forgot all rules and began a rough-and-tumble fight, in which he was bested again.

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